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INITIAL/FINAL POLREP **Huron Drum Site** **Adams County, Colorado**

I. BACKGROUND

Date:	03/27/03
Subject:	Abandoned leaking drum
POLREP No.:	Initial/Final - # 1
OSC:	Steve Hawthorn
Agency:	EPA - Region 8
Party Conducting the Action:	Fund Lead - Unknown PRP
FPN Number:	E03805
OPA Project/Site No.	08AP
NRC No.:	634799
Date Started:	01/27/03
Date Completed:	03/12/03

II. SITUATION

On January 27, 2003 the Adams County Fire Department (ACFD) received a call (hence to the National Response Center and to Region 8 - EPA) regarding an abandoned drum at 6885 Huron Street, Adams County, Colorado. The Adams County Dispatcher also called Region 8 - EPA (Response Unit) since the drum was illegally dumped and was leaking into and irrigation ditch that leads to Clear Creek.

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

Discharge into surface water as covered in Section 311 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1321 as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.



B. Site Description

Upon notice of the abandoned drum, the “on-duty” EPA OSC and START2 Contractor mobilized to the Site for the purpose of evaluating the situation and to determine if appropriate mitigation measures had taken place. One drum, which smelled like gasoline/waste oil was nearly empty; and, according to the ACFD, approximately 25 gallons had leaked into a culvert which leads to an irrigation ditch and Clear Creek.

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Current Situation and Removal Actions to Date

Upon arrival at the Site on January 27, 2003, the OSC met with ACFD to review the situation and determine further action. Most of the contents of the abandoned drum had leaked into the culvert; Adams County Public Works’ personnel dug up the contaminated dirt and replaced a portion of the culvert pipe. The OSC had the EPA START2 Contractor take samples of the dirt; and they were prepared to be sent to Anlytica for analysis. The contaminated dirt was containerized and the abandoned drum was overpacked in preparation for temporary storage at the North Washington Fire Department facility, pending final transportation and disposal arrangements.

The original Site was secured, and EPA Criminal Investigation was notified. After the results from profile sampling were received, the 85-gallon overpacked drum was sent to 21st Century EMI at Fernley, Nevada, on March 12, 2003.

B. Future Actions

The work at this site was performed in compliance with the NCP and this Removal Action is considered complete as of March 12, 2003.

V. ESTIMATED COSTS

EPA opened the Oil Pollution Act Fund for \$5,000 for purposes of conducting the cleanup as it was apparent that a PRP could not be readily identified. Total costs for the Fund-Lead Removal have not been received at this time but are estimated to be less than the established ceiling.